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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Seymour Hersh Articles

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[redacted] called me today to alert me to the Publisher's Weekly notice concerning Prentice Hall's The Secret Team: The CIA and Its Allies in Control of the United States and the World (attached).

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[redacted] said that when he saw the notice he realized that he had somewhere seen bound, galley proofs of that book. Upon reflection, he realized he had seen the proofs in the hand of Seymour Hersh some weeks back. The book, by an ex-Air Force Colonel, is due to be published in April. [redacted] suspects Hersh will be quoting sections from it in his forthcoming CIA stories in the sense of "As Col. Prouty will shortly reveal in his book . . ."

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Please protect [redacted] as source on this business.

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/s/ Angus MacLean Thuermer

Angus MacLean Thuermer  
Assistant to the Director

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cc: Director of Security

Mr. Colby

Mr. [redacted]

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**MY WAR WITH THE CIA:** The Memoirs of Prince Norodom Sihanouk by Norodom Sihanouk as related to Wilfred Burchett (\$7.95) recalls this Asian Prince's struggle for Cambodian independence—first against the French and later against the Central Intelligence Agency. It contains an account of America's role in the coup that toppled him in 1970.

PRENTICE-HALL

**THE SECRET TEAM:** The CIA and Its Allies in Control of the United States and the World by L. Fletcher Prouty (Apr. 19, \$10) contends that a stream of key CIA members have taken over major operational power in many countries of the non-Communist world. The book describes their activities and shows the harm that they have done to the United States.

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AUTHOR'S LAST NAME  
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PROUTY, Fletcher. The Secret Team: The

CIA and its Allies in Control of the

United States and the World. 480p. app-  
endices. Prentice Hall. April, 1973. \$10.

This book is at its best when it details  
CIA secret operations with which the au-  
thor is familiar. The poorer, and most  
extensive, portions are those in which  
he laboriously, and with annoying repet-  
ition, explains why he feels CIA has  
greatly exceeded its legal authority by  
conducting secret operations. He also  
faults the lack of quality intelligence  
analysis. He claims that friends of the  
Agency have been planted in other Federal  
agencies and the military to ensure that  
CIA gets its way. Prouty claims Presid-  
ents have been led into major blunders  
by this, citing especially the Kennedy  
move to counterinsurgency warfare in  
Southeast Asia. The military bias of the  
former AF colonel shows as he attacks the  
civilian agency, claiming that Ellsberg's  
leaking of the McNamara papers was a CIA  
plot to make the military look bad. A  
snotty, but interesting book. George H.  
Sichel, Library of Congress.

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